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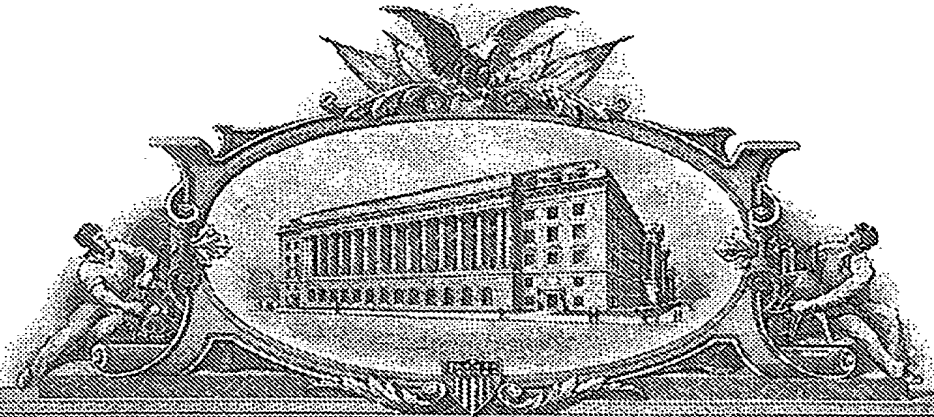
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**WEARABLE OR PORTABLE DEVICE FOR ESTABLISHING
COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY AT AN INCIDENT SITE**

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is related to U.S. Patent Applications Serial No. 10/943,323, filed September 17, 2004 and Serial No. 60/575,774 filed May 28, 2004, the contents of both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention.

The present invention relates to mobile communications and more particularly to an ad hoc module for establishing a temporary incident area network which at a local scene of an incident for communication interoperability compatible with and through the responder's everyday standard issued communication units.

2. Brief Description of Prior Developments

The above-referenced U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/943,232 discloses an ad hoc emergency interoperability communication network which is established by providing universal temporary incident area network modules that communicate with each other on a network, with the network being established when vehicles containing the temporary incident area network modules within range of each other. The temporary incident area network modules are such as to have an RF or other connection with handheld or in-vehicle communications devices of whatever variety, but which have standardized voice, data and push-to-talk channels. The system thus allows communications amongst the responders to an incident without having to set up

prearranged protocols, equipment compatibilities, or equipment addressing. Moreover, command and control structure can be achieved through a commander having access through his own temporary incident area network module to be able to route and control the flow of information of the net. Portable temporary incident area network modules may be provided to provide range extension capabilities, for instance, for handheld modules that communicate with the temporary incident area network modules, which have a self-contained battery. Moreover, in one embodiment, switches are provided on the communications equipment for the individual to be able to have the communications equipment switched between the ad hoc temporary incident area network and the closed network of the department for whom the individual works.

When a first responder enters a building, the structure of the building often interferes with the transmission of communications signals. The first responder is thus cut off from other first responders and from the dispatcher or incident commander. This situation is potentially dangerous, and one that the first responders usually try to avoid. Once communication is lost, there may be no way to know where the first responder is located within the building. If the first responder or another first responder cannot describe their location, the commander may have no sense of their location.

A need, therefore, exists for a solution to the above problems.

Summary of Invention

According to the present invention, the module in the network described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/943,323 is portable, wearable and battery powered, which allows a first responder /war fighter to enter the building and communicate with other first responders/war fighters via the ad hoc wireless network established at the

incident scene. Each first responders/war fighters wearing a portable module which becomes a node in the ad hoc network thereby extending that network. Placing a portable at the entrance to and throughout the building provides a communications path (via ad hoc wireless mesh network) to the remainder of the network outside the building there by connecting the first responders/war fighter inside the building with the first responders/war fighter outside the building and to the commander.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

By reducing the size of the module in the network described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/943,323 and adding a battery (rechargeable preferred), the module may be made portable. It will be appreciated that this system has the capability to create the wireless ad hoc mesh network required to establish connectivity between individual modules, whether wearable, portable or vehicle mounted.

Adding voice recognition, for example, to this unit will allow the first responder to register with the system. The system will uniquely identify the individual by matching the voice pattern to a pattern in the controlled database. Through this recognition the network system will assign a default set of attributes for that first responder including initial communication set up.

The method and apparatus of this invention may also be used by war fighters entering an urban zone. In this case, the use of the portable module and the wearable module would allow the war fighters entering buildings to maintain communications between themselves and with war fighters equipped with modules outside of the building.

While the present invention has been described in connection with the preferred embodiments of the various figures, it is to be understood that other similar embodiments

may be used or modifications and additions may be made to the described embodiment for performing the same function of the present invention without deviating therefrom. Therefore, the present invention should not be limited to any single embodiment, but rather construed in breadth and scope in accordance with the recitation of the appended claims.

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A system for aiding first responders to an incident to intercommunicate regardless of the type of communications devices used by the first responders, comprising a temporary incident area network module for one or more of said communications devices, said module converting the frequencies and protocols of the communications devices coupled thereto to a universal frequency and protocol and establishing wireless communication between said universal modules using said universal frequency and protocol, one of said modules setting up an ad hoc temporary incident area network at said incident, such that when additional modules arrive at the incident, said ad hoc temporary incident area network permits interoperability between communications devices used by the first responders arriving at the incident, wherein at least one of the temporary incident area network modules are portable such that first responders located in a building have a wireless communications path redundant to standard communications.

Abstract

A system for aiding first responders to an incident to intercommunicate regardless of the type of communications devices used by the first responders. A temporary incident area network includes a module for one or more of said communications devices. There is also a module which converts the frequencies and protocols of the communications devices coupled thereto to a universal frequency and protocol and establishes wireless communication between said universal modules using said universal frequency and protocol. One of the modules sets up an ad hoc temporary incident area network at said incident, such that when additional modules arrive at the incident, the ad hoc temporary incident area network permits interoperability between communications devices used by the first responders arriving at the incidents. At least one of the temporary incident area network modules are portable, so that first responders located in a building have a wireless communications path redundant to standard communications.

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